

THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are a family of faith wrapping our arms around God's world
and making Jesus Christ a way of life*

through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;
through **study**, as we listen for God's Word in body, mind and spirit;
through **mission**, as we embody God's love in service to the world;
through **giving**, as we express gratitude to God;
through **fellowship**, as we love and care for one another.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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10:15AM

**“...she got a papyrus basket for him,
and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it
and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.”**
-Exodus 2:3

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Songs Without Words
Op. 19, No. 2 in a minor
Op. 19, No. 1 in E Major

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

INTROIT

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Valerie Fraser

Leader: We come to this place of prayer,
People: **for here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.**
Leader: We come to this place of grace,
People: **for here we learn compassion and joy,
and discover how deeply we are loved.**
Leader: We come with these people called the church,
People: **to be blessed by the variety of gifts,
to live as one for our God.**

*** GATHERING HYMN 461**

“God Is Here”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*** INVITATION TO CONFESSiON**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSiON (*unison*)**

**Merciful God, you love us with a love
deeper than we can understand:
with a father's guidance, with a mother's compassion.
Yet we have failed to respond to that love.
We have been preoccupied with our own desires,
enthralled by our own achievements.**

**We have hurt others, through willful neglect and through covetous action.
We have taken family relationships for granted.
We have run from responsibility.
Forgive us our sin, O God.
In your infinite mercy, accept us as we are,
and make us into the people you would have us be.
In Jesus' name we pray.**

* KYRIE

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 576)

Jacques Berthier

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through 7th Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

ANTHEM

At the River

Aaron Copland

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 23-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Hand that Sails the Cradle”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 27

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

**and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments.

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage. Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

At the River
Bess Ploener, soloist

Charles Ives

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 366

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

ST. CATHERINE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

* POSTLUDE

Sonata in d minor, Op. 65, No. 6
III. Finale: Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

** All who are able please stand*

Welcome to Lamington: If you are a guest, please fill out the information card in the pew and return it in the offering plate or to the pastor or usher at the end of the service. The church office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-3:00PM, phone: (908) 572-7013, email: lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral care emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Today's Worship Notes

Let's talk about Adult Education! As we move into the Fall, we're considering several possible opportunities. Under consideration is a mid-week Bible study at the Manse and an adult class that would meet on Sundays at the church immediately after coffee hour. How about a breakfast at a local restaurant? Which would you prefer? What subjects are you looking to learn more about — whether direct Bible study or topical discussions of spirituality and the Christian life? Please speak to Pastor Carl and share your ideas and enthusiasms.

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser DEACON: Monica Thomas
COFFEE HOUR: Welcome Back BBQ after worship on the church lawn!

Today after Worship—Join Us!! Kick-Off Sunday & Welcome Back BBQ

TODAY--We will celebrate Kick-Off Sunday by having our annual **BBQ on the front lawn immediately following our 10:15AM worship service.**



Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR
James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Regina Morris, OFFICE MANAGER
Bess Ploener, DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS & ALTO SECTION LEADER
Katie Cloys, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER
John Cloys, TENOR SECTION LEADER
Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE
Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 9	10:15AM after worship	Worship—Kick Off Sunday BBQ on the church lawn
Monday, September 10	6:00PM	Session Meeting
Saturday, September 15	5:30PM	Big Band Jazz Event at LPC
Sunday, September 16	8:30AM 10:15AM	IHN Set-Up Worship

Note: Our guests from IHN will be at LPC from September 16 to September 23.

Prayer Requests, Joys, and Concerns

Prayer Request Cards can be found in the pews. Please place your request(s) in the offertory plate, or email/phone the church office at lamingtonchurch@gmail.com / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

We Pray For...

- † **Philip Duncan George Allison**, born on August 27 to Cecily and Billy Allison. Philip is the grandson of proud grandparents, Juliette and Duncan Rose. Prayers of thanksgiving as they begin their new life as a family of three.
- † **Louisa ("Lulu") Taylor Cummins**, born on June 16 to James and Marina Cummins. Lulu joins big sister, Lila and proud grandparents, Carol and Jim Cummins. Prayers of thanksgiving as they begin their new life as a family of four.
- † **Peter Nicoletti**, who continues to battle cancer. We pray for strength and comfort as he undergoes treatment. Peter is the brother-in-law of Katina and Ivan Medina.
- † **Konstantinos Kougias**, who is preparing for surgery on September 11. We pray for a successful surgery, healing and a speedy recovery. Kosta is the father-in-law of Katina and Ivan Medina.
- † **Harry Carpenter**, a long-time member of Lamington Church died on Sunday, August 5. A Memorial Service at LPC is being planned for October 13 at 11:00AM. We pray for Harry's family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate the memory of his life.
- † **Cynthia Pereyra Noonan**, as she deals with her paralysis. It is 11 years this month. We give thanks for her husband Trevor, for his ongoing care and love. We pray for strength and comfort for both Cynthia and Trevor.



IHN at LPC September 16 – 23

LPC is scheduled to host three families the week of September 16 – 23. Please consider supporting this important mission by cooking meals (5:00PM–7:00PM), helping out in the evenings (7:00PM–9:00PM), or staying overnight (9:00PM–6:00AM). We also need help with set-up on Sunday morning, September 16 (around 8:30AM) and pack-up on Sunday morning, September 23 (around 8:30AM). **Note: We especially need help with the overnights.** Please contact Debby Johnson about meals (debrabjohnson@gmail.com or (908) 832-7230) and Meridith Scott (meridith1027@gmail.com or (908) 236-0206) for other ways to help.

Togo Clothing Drive

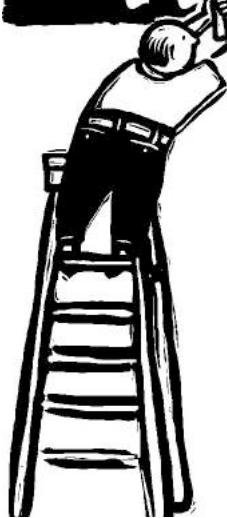
We are collecting clothing donations for Sylvie Ayedze and her three sons—Etiam 23; Nola, an American citizen born to the Ayedzes while living in Princeton, 18; and Nanu, nine years old.

Although IRS regulations prevent us from receiving monetary donations earmarked for the Ayedze Family, we are happy to accept clothing donations that, through the generosity of a church member, will be shipped directly to them in Togo—a West African nation on the Gulf of Guinea.

Gently used and new items would be greatly appreciated. **Lightweight summer clothing only please!** A collection bin (labeled "Togo Clothing Drive") is located in the church entranceway between the manse.

Sizes: Sylvie—shoes 9M, Dresses and Blouses size 12-14; Etiam—XL shirts, slacks 46x32; Nanu—M shirts, slacks 30x19; (Nola—is fine—he is in school in Maryland with Sylvie's cousin.)

Here's what's happening



Calling all kids—Welcome Back to Sunday School!
Join us today—Sunday, September 9 after worship for our Annual BBQ on the church lawn. We'll be decorating and personalizing t-shirts. Hope we see you all there as we kick-off the new Sunday School year!

We're Looking for Sunday School Teachers! If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, please see Dorita Pawlikowski during the Kick-Off BBQ, or contact the church office with your availability.

We Need Liturgists! A wonderful way to participate in Sunday worship is by volunteering to read scripture. We have many open Sundays to lead worship. Please consider giving to the church with your time & talents. Interested? A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. Questions? Please contact the church office at (908) 572-7013, or lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. *Come share with us!*

Adult Choir: The choir is back! The Lamington Adult Choir practices Sunday mornings before worship at 8:45AM in the choir loft. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jim Goldsworthy at goldsworthy@rider.edu. *Come sing with us!*

Children's Choir: We are so excited to start another year of Children's Choir! Please keep an eye out for additional information in the following weeks! Contact Bess with any questions: ploenerb@gmail.com. *Come sing with us!*

Handbell Choir will begin on Sunday, September 30th! If you are interested in joining this year's handbell choir, please reach out to Bess at ploenerb@gmail.com. No matter your experience level, all are welcome to come on Sunday, September 30th to give handbells a try! We will meet at 11:30AM in the choir loft. *Come ring with us!*

SHIP's Galley—Friday, September 21: Members and friends of Lamington Church will meet on Friday, September 21 at 10:00AM in the Church kitchen to prepare bag lunches for SHIP's Galley. The bagged lunches will be taken to St. John's Episcopal Church in Somerville and distributed to the homeless, unemployed, hungry and poor. Please call Mary Jenkins at (908) 704-9197 if you can assist with this mission project.

Common Threads Ministry—Create with Us! We need people to make prayer shawls. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, we would enjoy your fellowship and could use your help. Common Threads Ministry gathers twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Gladish Room. Are you interested or have questions? Please contact Dyanne Diaz-Piedra at (908) 439-2689 or Debby Johnson at (908) 832-7230. **Upcoming meeting dates: October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27, December 4 & 18.** *Come create with us!*

LPC's Big Band Jazz Event Is Almost Here Don't Forget to Buy Your Tickets!!

Please share this invite with friends and family—
the more the merrier!

We look forward to seeing you on September 15th!



Please join us for the Second Annual
BIG BAND JAZZ EVENT



Featuring the 18 Piece Swing Jazz Band

REEDS, RHYTHM & ALL THAT BRASS

Saturday, September 15th
5:30pm to 9:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

\$50 per person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer.
To purchase tickets, please visit:

WWW.LAMINGTONBIGBAND.COM

*Casual Cocktail Attire